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COUNTRY Austria (Soviet Zone) SECURITY INFORMATION REPORTTOPIC Soviet Troops in Traiskirchen and BadenEVALUATION [REDACTED]DATE OF CONTENT [REDACTED]

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1. On 8 December 1951, about 120 Soviet troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets were engaged in drill and practice with rifles and Maxim heavy machine guns at the former federal educational establishment in Traiskirchen (O 49/X 37). Six AT guns and 34 motor vehicles were parked near the vehicle sheds. The vehicles included trucks [REDACTED] and jeep [REDACTED]. No changes were noticed regarding the large radio station. 50X1-HUM
2. Five trucks with soldiers wearing black-bordered black epaulets were seen in the park of Tribuswinkel (O 49/X 36) Castle. Eleven officers, including four majors, and all wearing black service color, were seen entering or leaving the quarters.
3. On 7 December, two groups of 20 officers each, with most of them wearing red-bordered black epaulets and some wearing black-bordered red epaulets, were seen in front of the former Flak Kaserne in Baden (O 49/X 37), apparently engaged in a map reconnaissance exercise, since they all carried map pouches. Imprints of caterpillar tracks were noticed on the road passing the installation although no armored vehicles were seen inside the billeting area. Only 9 trucks, 5 tank trucks, 2 sedans, and 3 jeeps were observed. Vehicles seen entering or leaving the installation included sedans [REDACTED] small truck [REDACTED] jeep [REDACTED] and trucks [REDACTED] all driven by soldiers with red-bordered black epaulets. Doblhof Castle was occupied by troops with black-bordered black epaulets. Four majors and trucks [REDACTED] were identified. Troops who wore black-bordered black epaulets were quartered in the Helenenthalhof. Jeep [REDACTED] sedan [REDACTED] and truck [REDACTED] were identified in front of the quarters. Fourteen vehicles stood in the garages of the Helenenthalhof. Truck [REDACTED] and sedan [REDACTED] were parked in the yard near the radio station at the intersection of Braungasse and Kuehlgasse. The radio station was guarded by sentries who wore red-bordered black epaulets. Two majors wearing red-bordered black epaulets with artillery insignia left the quarters. An unusually large number of officers, wearing blue service color, were seen in Baden on 7 December. Vehicles observed in town included jeeps [REDACTED] trucks [REDACTED] 50X1-HUM 50X1-HUM

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[redacted] all driven by soldiers with red-bordered black epaulets;
truck [redacted] driven by a soldier with black-bordered black
epaulets; and truck [redacted] driven by a soldier with black-
bordered red epaulets; and trucks [redacted] and jeep [redacted] *

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* Comment. [redacted]
the information covering the military quarters in Traiskirchen and
Baden indicates no changes. [redacted]

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20. On 27 December, the former komendatura building was still occupied to capacity by troops.

21. On 27 December, the Soviet main commissary on Kaethe Kollwitz Strasse was partly cleared of stocks. [redacted] this and the other affiliated commissaries were to be completely cleared during the course of January 1952 and moved to Wuenzdorf. The German help in the commissary were to follow the commissary to Wuenzdorf. 50X1-HUM

22. The officers' billets on Breitestrasse, the Kech office on Pauerstrasse and the former agricultural bank on Am Markt were completely emptied by the Soviets prior to 21 December. The officers' mess was returned to its German owner, after truck [redacted] had hauled away the remaining furniture on 21 December. * 50X1-HUM
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* [redacted] Comment. [redacted] reported [redacted] the movement of the Hq Third Cds Mecz Army and its army headquarters units from Luckenwalde to Wuenzdorf. [redacted] The troops who, according to paragraph 4 [redacted] were quartered in Stalag II are believed to belong to the unidentified AAA division of the Third Cds Mecz Army. [redacted] 50X1-HUM

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